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Instructions: Situation Report

The Situation Report (Sit. Rep.) provides Senior Management with high level information on developing, ongoing or concluded incidents or events of interest.

The Sit. Rep. should be:

- Short: one to two pages, written factually and impartially;
- Concise: use every word as efficiently as possible;
- Clear: keep it simple and to the point and include only what matters to the reader;
- Reliable: provide accurate information; point out missing information or questions about the information; and
- Readable: use plain language and white space, subheadings, lists and other means to make reading easier.

The following describes the sections of a Sit. Rep.:

- **Title:** A few key words that describe the issue succinctly.
- **Purpose:** In one sentence, explain why the Sit. Rep. is being written. Information only; action (decision or final approval required); or briefing for upcoming meeting: specify date, time, location and with whom.
- **Issue:** In one sentence, identify the issues. Clarify misinformation generated by media or others; provide update on emerging issues; provide update on individual or a group posing a threat; and/or explain the impact of legal (or policy) changes for the RCMP.
- **Background:** In 3 or 4 bullets, provide enough background or contextual information to give an understanding of the issue. What is relevance of issue to RCMP; what are the implications; what is history of the issue; and what is being said about the issue and by whom?
- **Current Status:** Advise of the most salient and recent information available. Highlight the current status and/or progress to date in order that action can be determined. Status and evolution of emerging issue to date; status of investigation; and stage or phase new legislation or policy is at.
- **Strategic Considerations** (if applicable): Factors that could affect our ability to respond to the issue.
  Indicate sensitive or political elements to be considered; potential impact of the issues on the RCMP, our Minister, and/or the Government of Canada; inter-agency or interdepartmental issues to consider or cooperation, and specify significant obstacles or challenges that may hinder the RCMP's progress or handling of the issue; outline the potential outcome or risks if no action is taken; and indicate political statements (if any) made about this issue.
- **Strategic Communications** (if applicable): State internal and/or external communications considerations.
  Indicate national/media/public/political implications and if the DG, Public Affairs has been advised; impact on employees or operations and has a communications strategist been advised; has a communications plan been developed for both internal and external audiences; and attach existing media lines which may have been prepared.
- **Recommendations / Strategic Advice** (if applicable): Identify follow-up actions or advice.
  State strategic advice warranted on the issue; outline options; state critical dates and/or events of which Senior Management should be made aware; indicate who else should be notified of this information; and state areas that require further follow-up or research.
- **In Consultation with:** Identify groups or individuals consulted in preparation of this Sit. Rep. Indicate "Nil" if consultation was not required.
- **Prepared by:** Name and rank of writer.
- **Signature - Submitted by Name**
  - NHQ: Director General
  - Div.: Supervisor, Manager, NCO i/c or Director
- **Signature - Recommended by Name**
  - NHQ: Assistant Commissioner
  - Div.: Director, Director General or Deputy Criminal Operations Officer
- **Signature - Approved by Name**
  - NHQ: Deputy Commissioner
  - Div.: Criminal Operations Officer or Commanding Officer
- **Signature - Reviewed by Name**
  - NHQ: Senior Deputy Commissioner
  - Div.: Not Applicable or Commanding Officer

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Security Designation: Protected A

File Number: 2022-111985

D Division - Freedom Convoy - Support Rally/Demonstation - Manitoba

PURPOSE:

- To provide the Commissioner with information regarding concurrent Support Freedom Convoys in area in Manitoba

ISSUE:

- Freedom Convoy Support demonstration are continuing in many jurisdiction in Manitoba

BACKGROUND:

- The Support Freedom Convoy was created as a means for truckers to demonstrate against cross-border Covid vaccine mandates and in support of the Freedom Convoy in Ottawa.
- On January 29th 2022 at 11:30 it was reported that a Support Freedom Convoy demonstration with around 100-200 vehicles was staged at the Personal truck stop in Headingley and destined for the Manitoba Legislative Building located in downtown Winnipeg.
-On January 29th 2022, it was reported that there are trucks and demonstration support vehicles lined up at the Emerson border engaged in a continuous slow moving convoy disrupting traffic flow on Highway #75.

CURRENT STATUS:

- As of the morning of 2022-02-03 , the convoy in Emerson remains at approximately 3-4 semi-trucks and 10-15 pick up trucks. Activity involves a slow roll 2 mile continuous loop along highway #75. Detachment Commander at Morris/Emerson is engaged in communication with event organizers. At the top of each hour the convoy stops on the road for a few minutes, delaying traffic in the area. There has been no full blockade of the POE thus far and none is anticipated.
- The Freedom Convoy support demonstration at the Emerson POE remains peaceful at this time. No significant issues have developed outside of the disruption to traffic flow.
- On 2022-02-02, information was gleaned of a planned demonstration at the Manitoba Provincial Legislature in Winnipeg, MB. to take place on Friday 2022-02-04.
- Winnipeg Police Service is the POJ and are fully engaged in the planning and response to this event. At this time there has been no request for resources or assistance from D Division RCMP
- D Division Criminal Operations is monitoring the situation and Manitoba Justice is engaged.
- D Division DCAS/TIIU is monitoring open source social media to glean any information that can be shared.
- Manitoba West and East Districts as well as Traffic Services have been advised to report on any group/vehicle movements toward Winnipeg that may impact traffic and road safety.
- It is anticipated and some limited information has been received that those involved in the Emerson protest on Hwy #75 may be planning to attend the Winnipeg rally on Friday 2022-02-04

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Situation is on-going and will be continuously monitored.
- Manitoba East District and D Division Criminal Operations has an operational plan that may be implements should the situation escalate to a blockade of the POE. This includes engagement with organizers via Division Liaison Team as needed, risk assessment of any potential enforcement action and deployment of other support services such as tactical support group.

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